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Device Advice at the Reference Desk
Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm
July 2nd & 16th, August 6th & 20th, September 3rd & 17th
Get help with the basics for iPads, cellphones, laptops, Kindles & other e-readers. Bring chargers, usernames & passwords.

Adult Board Game Afternoons
Sundays from 1:15-4:45pm in Activity Room
July 7th, August 4th, September 8th
Hosted by Marc McConley. MHL now lends board games. View our list of games for lending at https://mhl.org/games.

Computer Users Group in the Activity Room
Monday, July 8th, 1:30-3:00pm - Data Backup
Monday, August 12th, 1:30-3:00pm - eBay & Craigslist
Monday, September 9th, 1:30-3:00pm - Streaming Video

Maker Mornings@MHL in the Makerspace
Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00am - Registration is required.
July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, & August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Writing Groups@MHL in the Activity Room
Critique Group - Wednesdays, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th at 7:00pm
Writers Group - Thursdays, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th at 7:00pm

Book Groups@MHL in the Activity Room
Nonfiction Group - Wednesdays, July 10th, August 7th, September 4th at 7:00pm
Morning Group - Mondays, July 15th, August 19th, September 16th at 10:30am
Great Books Group - Tuesday, September 24th at 7:30pm

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club
Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am in Memorial Hall
July 11th, August 8th (new time begins September 12th - 9:30-11:00am)

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The Hometown Team with Author Mike Shalin
Tuesday, July 9th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
The veteran sports journalist will share his newest book, *The Hometown Team: Four Decades of Boston Red Sox Photography*, which features photography by Steve Babineau and a foreword by Dennis Eckersley. He has covered hockey, baseball and college sports for the *Boston Herald* and *New York Post*. Now a freelancer in Boston, he has been an official scorer at Fenway Park for fifteen years. His books will be available for purchase.

Make@MHL Craft: Stars in a Jar
Wednesday, July 10th, 10:00-11:30am in the Makerspace
Create a beautiful bottle of stars in a jar. Instruction provided by staff members. All supplies included. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Understanding Our Universe
Thursday, July 18th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
Our daily lives don’t prepare us to comprehend space-time, which is big, both in size, the number of objects (exoplanets, stars, galaxies) in it, and its 13.8 billion year age. Andover resident, Brewster LaMacchia of the North Shore Astronomy Club, will offer some perspective on what can be seen with a telescope and how we categorize objects in ways to improve our understanding of our universe. *MHL* has 2 telescopes to lend at https://mhl.org/library-of-things.

Field Trip to Mendel Observatory
Tuesday, July 23rd at 8:30pm at Mendel Science Center
Observe the night sky through the telescope at Merrimack College. The telescope will be trained on an object, and participants will have a chance to look through the eyepiece. The process will repeat as time allows. Rain or extreme heat cancels. Meet in the lobby on the 3rd floor of the Mendel Science Center. Register at mhl.org/calendar. For adults and kids ages 6 & up with an adult. Brewster LaMacchia will facilitate.

An Evening with Author Tara Lynn Masih
Wednesday, July 31st at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall
The award-winning author and Andover resident will share her debut YA historical fiction novel, *My Real Name is Hanna*. Inspired by real Holocaust events, it’s a powerful coming-of-age story that will resonate with readers of *The Book Thief* and *Between Shades of Gray*. Tara has won multiple awards for her fiction, poetry and prose. Her book will be available, courtesy of the Andover Bookstore. Two literary themed door prizes will be given away.
**Death Cafe**  
**Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall**  
Join other adults for Andover’s fourteenth Death Cafe. While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Cafe seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject. Registration is required. Socialize at 6:30pm; program starts promptly at 7:00pm. Hosted by local resident, Richard Davis.

**Is it Alzheimer’s? Know the 10 Signs**  
**Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall**  
If you or someone you know is experiencing changes in memory, it’s time to learn the facts. Knowing the warning signs can help determine if you should speak to a doctor. Presented by Lisa Sobhian, a trained Family Support Volunteer with the Alzheimer’s Association. The Andover 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer’s is Sunday, September 15th.

**Dementia Dialogues Group**  
**Tuesday, September 10th from 9:30-10:30am in Alcove 2, Ground Level**  
A new monthly discussion group for anyone and everyone wanting to discuss dementia, including caregivers/care partners and people living with dementia. Facilitated by Emily Kearns, PhD, MBA, RMT. Emily partnered in the care for her parents who both lived with dementia. Take the elevator to G & follow the signs.
I Found My Village! Now What? Locating Polish Vital Records

Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall

Finding vital records for one’s family in Poland is a critical step in exploring our Polish ancestry, but can be confusing. After a brief overview of the Polish partitions to introduce beginners to the history and geography of Poland, Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz will illustrate the use of church records, passenger manifests, naturalization records, and other documents from U.S. sources, to determine one’s ancestral village accurately. Julie will rely heavily on online sources and show how you can trace your Polish ancestry without having to cross the ocean. Register online.

Make@MHL: Fall Craft

Wednesday, September 11th in the Makerspace

Create a fun fall craft. Instruction and all supplies included. Registration required. Space is limited. Meet at Reference Desk, Level 1.

Andover Seed Library Lecture Series
Seed Saving & More Workshop CANCELLED

Saturday, September 14th at 10:00am in Memorial Hall

MassHort Senior Horticulturist, Hannah Traggis, is back to share her extensive knowledge about techniques for saving seeds, preserving your harvest, and more. Bring your questions and leftover seeds. Pick up catalogues. Door prizes!

Friends’ Concert Series: Too Human

Sunday, September 15th at 2:30pm in Memorial Hall

When Too Human performs, it’s hard not to get drawn in. Their program includes jazz standards from the American Songbook and original songs performed with vocals, guitar, percussion and upright bass. Former professional songwriters in LA, their songs have been covered by artists such as Cher, Pat Benatar, Teddy Pendergrass, Nancy Wilson and Ramsey Lewis. They’ve opened for Janis Ian, Livingston Taylor, Les Sampou and many others. Composers for independent films, their fresh and innovative arrangements appeal to a wide audience. Accompanied by Keala Kaumeheiwa on upright bass.

This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.
Conversational English Group

Begins Monday, September 30 from 10:00am to noon in Memorial Hall

These classes, taught by volunteer tutors, are for students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. The sessions meet on Monday mornings and run through mid-May.

Over the summer, contact Stefani Traina at straina@mhl.org or 978-623-8451 to be placed on the registration list. In September, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602 to register.

Friends’ Fall Book Sale

September 18-22, 2019 in Memorial Hall

Preview Wednesday, September 18th • 5:30-8:30pm ($20/pp - Friends free)
Thursday, September 19th • 1:00-4:30pm
Friday & Saturday, September 20th & 21st • 9:00am-4:30pm
Sunday, September 22nd • 1:00-4:30pm (fill a bag - $5 or $7)

Teachers are welcome after 3pm on Sunday to collect unsold books for classrooms.

American History with Don Robb: 1890-1915

The series has been cancelled due to unforeseen health issues.

Historian Don Robb will explore “turn-of-the-century” America. The period from 1890 to 1915 was a time of reformers, progressives, imperialists, and colorful characters like William Jennings Bryan and Teddy Roosevelt. He’ll discuss the Progressive Movement, the acquisition of Hawaii, the Spanish American War, the Bull Moose Party, the election of Woodrow Wilson and more. A collaboration of Memorial Hall Library and The Senior Center at Punchard.

The Senior Center at Punchard Book Club @MHL

Thursday, September 26th at 1:30pm in Activity Room

The Library will host this book group while the senior center is under renovation.

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September 18-22, 2019

**Preview Night** • Wednesday, September 18 - 5:30-8:30pm
$20/Person • Free for Friends’ Members • Join at mhl.org/friends

Thursday, September 19 • 1:00pm-4:30pm
Friday & Saturday, September 20-21 • 9:00am-4:30pm
Sunday, September 22 • 1:00pm-4:30pm (fill a bag for $5 or $7)

Library Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday - Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: 1pm-5pm

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